**Operations by private airlines**

1359. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private airlines, which have sought Government's approval to start operations in the domestic aviation industry; and

(b) the action taken to consider their proposals early and issue "No Objection Certificates"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Consideration of proposals for private airlines for grant of "No Objection Certificate" to start air operations is an ongoing process. At present proposal of 4 private airlines to start non-scheduled air services and 2 private airlines to start scheduled air services are under process in this Ministry.

**Airports in Gujarat**

1360. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various political organisations and public representatives of Gujarat have made requests to Government for setting up more airports in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, proposals have been received by the Government for setting up more airports in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Merger of AI and IA**

†1361. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to merge Air India and Indian Airlines;

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